GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the Government instructions, DRDAs Dausa and Sriganganagar, Rajasthan paid subsidy amounting to Rs. 2.29 crore to ineligible beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed so far in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to recover the amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b): When the instances of irregularities (brought out by C&AG Report, Chapter X, M/o RA & E) regarding subsidy to ineligible beneficiaries paid by the two DRDAs of Rajasthan, namely Dausa (Rs. 27.12 lakh) and Sriganganagar (Rs. 194.08 lakh), came to the notice of this Ministry the matter was taken up with the State Government. The Government of Rajasthan has certified that the so-called ineligible beneficiaries under different Poverty Alleviation Programmes, though technically ineligible, were deserving cases for being included in the BPL list, 1992 as their annual income was less than Rs. 11,000/- per family at the time of payment of subsidy to them. But their names could not be included in the BPL list because of certain procedural lapses or non-availability of those beneficiaries at the time of BPL survey. However, their names did find a mention in the old BPL list.

(c) to (e): Question does not arise.